

# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: **Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments**  
**March 4, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

The Department has received nominations for the March 4, 2014 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about February 10, 2014 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **January 24, 2014** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website -- (<http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>).

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at [jmason2@mt.gov](mailto:jmason2@mt.gov) or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,  
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

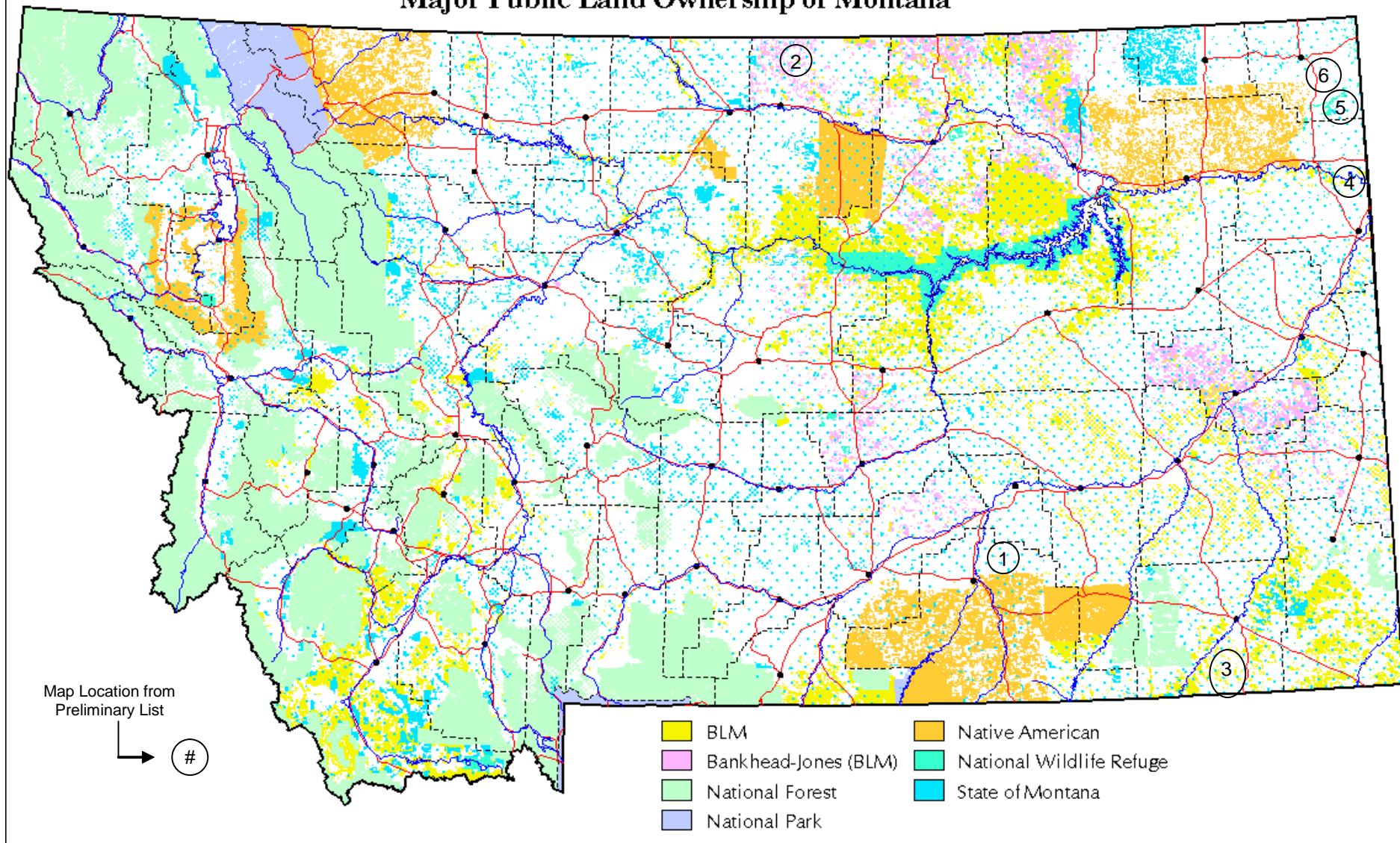
**State of Montana**  
**Oil & Gas Lease Sale - March 4, 2014**  
**Preliminary Sale List**

	App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres
<b>Big Horn</b>	<b>1</b>						
	5002		2.N	35.E	16	All	640.00
	5003		2.N	35.E	36	All	* 640.00
<b>Blaine</b>	<b>2</b>						
	5001		35.N	20.E	36	All, below the base of the Eagle formation	* 640.00
	5004		36.N	20.E	36	All	640.00
<b>Powder River</b>	<b>3</b>						
	5005		8.S	51.E	16	All	640.00
	5008		9.S	50.E	36	Lots 1, 2, 3, N2, NW4SE4, N2SW4	550.30
	5006		9.S	51.E	16	All	640.00
<b>Richland</b>	<b>4</b>						
	5007		26.N	59.E	8	Missouri Riverbed and related acreage, below the base of the Charles formation	21.67
	5011		26.N	59.E	16	Lots 1 thru 8, NW4, NW4SW4, S2SW4, Missouri Riverbed and related acreage, below the base of the Charles formation	640.00
<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>5, 6</b>						
	5010		31.N	57.E	36	All	640.00
	5009		34.N	56.E	16	E2	320.00

\* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

<b>Total Tracts</b>	11
<b>Total Acres</b>	6,011.97

## Major Public Land Ownership of Montana



### State of Montana Oil & Gas Lease Sale – March 4, 2014

Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list. Please visit our website for detailed maps and additional lease sale information. (<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>)

## O&G Leasing Calendar - 2014

	LEASE SALES			
	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>
<b>Nomination Deadline (5:00pm)</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>Sep 16</b>
Preliminary Tract List Mailed & Posted on Web	Dec 19	Mar 20	Jun 19	Sep 18
Comments Requested by	Jan 24	Apr 25	Jul 25	Oct 24
Final Tract List Mailed & Posted on Web	Feb 10	May 12	Aug 11	Nov 10
<b>Lease Sale</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Jun 3</b>	<b>Sep 3</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>
Sale Results Posted on Web	Mar 7	Jun 6	Sep 8	Dec 5
Land Board Consideration	Mar 17	Jun 16	Sep 15	Dec 15

Sales begin promptly at 9:00 AM in the Department of Transportation Auditorium, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana.

PLEASE NOTE: The September 3 lease sale is on Wednesday due to a holiday.

A description of tracts and maps are available on the DNRC website: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>